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In re Patent Application of

Hiroyuki NAGASE et al.

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For: DEVELOPER FOR PHOTO-
POLYMERIZABLE
PRESENSITIZED PLATE FOR USE
IN MAKING LITHOGRAPHIC
PRINTING PLATE (as amended)

Group Art Unit: 1752

Examiner: H. V. Le

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

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Sir:

In response to the election of species requirements set forth in the Official
Action dated July 29, 2004, applicants make the following elections:

- 1) With respect to the compounds of general formula (I), applicants hereby
elect the compound Y-1 which is illustrated at the top of page 31 of the specification;
- 2) With respect to the alkali silicates, applicants hereby elect potassium
silicate which is disclosed on page 12, lines 7-9 and included in the group recited in
claims 2 and 18; and
- 3) With respect to the alkaline agents, applicants hereby elect potassium
hydroxide which is disclosed in the paragraph bridging pages 12 and 13 and
included in the group recited in claims 8 and 24.

Applicants respectfully note that all the claims of record read on the elected
species. Applicants' elections are made without traverse with the understanding that

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applicants are entitled to claim other species in the event that a generic claim is found allowable.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of the present application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Message

In accordance with your telephone discussion with my secretary, I am enclosing a copy of the response to the election of species requirement which was filed in the USPTO on August 30, 2004. I have noticed that the heading for the response identifies the application as "Division of Application No. 10/187,605" in lieu of the application number and the paper accordingly may have been scanned into the electronic file of the parent application.

In any event, I am enclosing a copy of the stamped receipt from the PTO Mailroom.